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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.322**

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CONCLUSION

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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Column 2, Line 27 - Change "traction" to "transaction"

Column 6, Line 50 - Change "show" to "shows"

Column 7, Line 1 - Remove the comma after paid - change "paid," "to paid"

Column 8, Line 10 - Change "more-merchants" to "more merchants"

Column 8, Line 35 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

Column 8, Line 38 - Insert "identified" after "at least one of the "

Column 8, Line 39 - Insert "identified" after "one of the"

Column 8, Line 42 - Insert "identified" after "one of the"

Column 8, Line 62 - Insert "file" after "master merchant"

Column 9, Line 12 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

Column 9, Line 36 - Change "on" to "one"

Column 10, Line 3 - change "merchant file," to "merchant file database,"

Column 10, Line 22 - Remove "to determine" and change "not" to "determined to not be"

Column 10, Line 24 - Insert "to pay the second bill" after "request"

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